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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:  
Peter Barnes Moyes**

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For: APPARATUS AND  
METHODS FOR DRILLING

Group Art Unit: 3672  
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**37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0045.C1/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this amendment timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10. **Remarks** begin on page 11.